From: Allison Pang

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To: NIEHS ICCVAM

Subject: Please use accurate humane alternatives to animal tests only

Dr. William Stokes, Director,

I am very shocked to hear that the ICCVAM is determined to rely on outdated, inaccurate, and cruel animal tests when reliable alternatives exist. I am embarrassed that the health agencies of the US are way behind developing and using alternatives to animal experimentation when countries in Europe are embracing non animal alternatives. Alternatives to animal testing should result in safer products and less suffering for animals. Instead the ICCVAM wants to continue to conduct pointless animals tests whose results are not a reliable model for humans compared to the superior alternative methods being used by other countries. I sadly believe that the animal vivisection industry is strongest in the US and that the ICCVAM is more concerned with helping them than protecting people and animals. Please tell me that this is not true and that the ICCVAM is interested in replacing animal studies with superior and humane alternatives tests not the other way around.

Sincerely, Alice Ang